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SUBJECT: INAUGURATION OF GENERAL ANASTASIO SOMOZA DEBAYLE AS PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUA

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS A FORMAL COMMUNICATION INVITING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO SEND A SPECIAL MISSION TO ATTEND THE INAUGURATION OF GENERAL SOMOZA AS PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUA ON DECEMBER 1, 1974.

2. EACH SPECIAL MISSION MAY BE COMPOSED OF NOT MORE THAN THREE DELEGATES AND THEIR WIVES.

3. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM THE MINISTRY BEFORE REPEAT BEFORE NOVEMBER 15 OF THE NAMES AND DIPLOMATIC RANKS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION. COMPLETE NAMES OF DELEGATES' WIVES ARE ALSO REQUIRED.

4. THE GON WILL PAY THE LOCAL EXPENSES OF TWO REPEAT TWO MEMBERS OF EACH DELEGATION AND THEIR WIVES.

5. ONE OFFICIAL VEHICLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO EACH SPECIAL MISSION.

6. THE LETTERS OF CREDENCE OF THE SPECIAL MISSION SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THEIR EXCELLENCIES GENERAL ROBERTO MARTINEZ LACAYO, DOCTOR EDMUNDO PAGUAGA IRIAS AND DOCTOR ALFONSO
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7. COPIES OF THE LETTERS OF CREDENCE ARE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS.

8. PRECEDENCE AMONG THE SPECIAL MISSIONS WILL BE DETERMINED FIRST BY THE RANK OF THE CHIEF OF THE DELEGATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. CHIEFS OF STATE
2. SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS HOLINESS THE POPE
3. VICE PRESIDENT
4. CHIEFS OF LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL AND ELECTORAL BRANCHES
5. MINISTERS OF FOREIGN RELATIONS
6. OTHER CABINET MINISTERS
7. SPECIAL AMBASSADORS

9. PRECEDENCE AMONG SPECIAL MISSIONS OF EQUAL RANK WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE DATE ON WHICH THE NAMES OF DELEGATES ARE COMMUNICATED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

10. REQUIRED DRESS FOR MEN WILL INCLUDE A WHITE SUIT FOR INAUGURATION, A TUXEDO AND BUSINESS SUIT. SPORT CLOTHES SHOULD ALSO BE BROUGHT. WIVES WILL REQUIRE SHORT DRESS FOR INAUGURATION AND EITHER LONG OR SHORT EVENING DRESS.

11. PRESIDENT-ELECT SOMOZA ADVISED AMBASSADOR (CHIEF OF PROTOCOL REPEATED TO DCM) THAT CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS HAVE BEEN INVITED. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ALSO SAID THREE HAVE ACCEPTED.

12. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL SAID IT IS GON'S HOPE THAT EACH SPECIAL MISSION WILL CONSIST OF TWO DELEGATES RESIDENT IN SEND COUNTRY PLUS THE AMBASSADOR ACCREDITED TO NICARAGUA.

13. UNOFFICIALLY, DCM WAS TOLD THAT GON HOPES THAT SPECIAL MISSIONS WILL ARRIVE ON NOVEMBER 29 AND DEPART ON AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 2 OR MORNING OF DECEMBER 3.

14. NO INFORMATION IS YET AVAILABLE AS TO COMPOSITION OF OTHER SPECIAL MISSIONS.
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